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## Journal

Office of Legislative Counsel

Thursday - 26 May 1955

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1. Mr. Amory has inquired of Legislative Counsel as to whether legislation could be secured which would grant to CIA the exemption from special security clearance presently granted to members of the Armed Forces and employees of the Department of Defense components for access to "Restricted Data" under the Atomic Energy Act. I have advised Mr. Amory that it is our opinion that legislation is not required to achieve this result, and that we have already ruled that in our opinion there are provisions in the present Atomic Energy Act which would authorize a perfectly workable arrangement to be set up by the AEC and CIA to eliminate the necessity for reinvestigation for "Q" clearance. I informed Mr. Amory that several weeks ago the Security Office had asked us for a ruling on this point and that we had prepared a draft letter from the Director to the Chairman of the AEC which the Security Office was studying. The Security Office has now prepared a final draft of this letter which is presently being coordinated with this office and the DD/S.

2. [REDACTED] NEA/DDP, 25X1A  
talked with me concerning the rumor from the field that a Congressional Committee was considering the investigation of communism in the [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] I told [REDACTED] that I will keep my ears open on this point to see what might be developing, but that I did not want to make any direct inquiries on Capitol Hill for fear of opening up lines of inquiry.

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4. [REDACTED] informs me Congresswoman Bolton has asked him for a briefing on the Middle East and that he has instructed [REDACTED] to brief Mrs. Bolton on the area.

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